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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to registration and licensing of motor vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 55-4-1\_\_.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), any person applying for registration or renewal of registration for a noncommercial motor vehicle shall not be issued registration plates or decals unless the applicant possesses a valid driver license at the time such application is made. If the vehicle is owned jointly and one (1) of the owners does not possess a valid driver license at the time such application is made, the registration plates or decals shall be issued only to the owner who possesses a valid driver license.

(b) Any person applying for registration or renewal of registration for a noncommercial motor vehicle may be issued registration plates or decals regardless of possession of a valid driver license in the following circumstances:

(1) If the owner of the vehicle is not licensed to drive and inherited the motor vehicle as a surviving spouse;

(2) If the owner of the vehicle is not licensed to drive but has a licensed driver living in the owner's household;

(3) If the owner of the vehicle is not licensed to drive but places the vehicle at the disposal or use of a person who possesses a valid driver license; or,

(4) If the owner of the vehicle has a permanent handicapped registration, as provided for in Title 55, Chapter 21.

(c) If a person claims one (1) or more of the circumstances in subsection (b), the application shall be accompanied by any documentation required by the department to obtain the registration plates or decals.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-101, is amended by adding the following language at the end of subsection (e):

A temporary permit shall be issued only to a person who possesses a valid driver license at the time the application for registration is made unless one (1) or more of the circumstances in Section 1(b) of this act is claimed.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-105, is amended by adding the following language at the end of subsection (f):

For purposes of this subsection, "driving record" shall not include verifying the possession of a valid driver license for issuance of registration plates or decals as required by Section 1 of this act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it.